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VIDEOS OF AWARD-WINNING UM TV SERIES NOW AVAILABLE AT LIBRARIES STATEWIDE

MISSOULA --

Videotapes of The University of Montana's three "Backroads of Montana" TV programs are now available at 138 libraries statewide.

Each half-hour program, produced by Ray Ekness and Gus Chambers of UM's Telecommunications Center, features people, places and events that make Montana special -- from a stolen-door-knob collector in Columbia Falls to the rustic Polar Bar in Polaris to an archaeology dig in the Ruby River Valley.

The shows, hosted by KUFM public radio station Production Director William Marcus, also include segments that let viewers see and hear only the natural sounds of a particular spot.

The shows, funded by a grant from the Greater Montana Foundation, began airing in 1991 on the Montana Television Network and the public TV stations KUSM, in Bozeman, and KSPS, in Spokane, Wash.

In 1991, the first program won an E.B. Craney Memorial Montana Broadcasting Award for best non-commercial program. The award is sponsored by the Montana Broadcasters Association and the Greater Montana Foundation. The third program won the same award in 1992.

The first show spotlights the almost non-existent town of Virgelle, where a couple runs one of the state's few remaining Missouri River ferries. Other segments include ones on the Bitterroot Barnstormers, a group of radio-controlled-airplane enthusiasts, and lunch at a Wolf Point family ranch.

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A Swan Lake canoe maker, the Elkhorn and Garnet ghost towns, and cattle branding near Choteau are among the highlights of the second show.

The third show focuses on subjects such as a sleigh ride near Victor; a family ranch near Joliet; and the intricate, wooden Nativity scene created by the couple who owns the Schoolhouse and Teacherage, in Huson.

A fourth program, now in the works, will cover topics such as the Miles City Balloon Roundup, a maker of custom cowboy boots who lives near Billings, and the Jersey Lilly Bar and Grill in Ingomar.

Funds permitting, another three or four shows will round out the series, Ekness says.

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